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	Applicant Robert Sixto, Jr. et al.	
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/DE/	A	266,632	10/1882	McCormick			
	B	1,756,670	4/29/30	Treat			
	C	2,246,495	6/41	Alessi et al.			
	D	3,851,359	12/74	Wilson			
	E	4,044,429	8/77	Wagner			
	F	4,346,869	8/82	MacNeill			
	G	4,390,019	6/83	LeVeen et al.			
	H	4,430,997	2/84	DiGiovanni et al.			
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↓	B	5,022,126	6/91	Davis			
↓	C	5,049,153	9/91	Nakao et al.			
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	B	5,312,434	5/94	Crainich		
	C	5,354,312	10/94	Brinkerhoff et al.		
	D	5,361,463	11/94	Revis		
	E	5,383,880	1/95	Hooven		

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↓	B	5,707,392	1/98	Kortenbach			
↓	C	5,716,374	2/98	Francese et al.			
↓	D	5,769,857	6/98	Reztzov et al.			
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↓	B	5,871,488	2/99	Tovey et al.			
↓	C	5,891,156	4/99	Gessner et al.			
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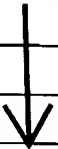
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↓	B	6,129,683	10/00	Sutton et al.			
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	B	6,238,414	5/01	Griffiths			
	C	6,269,819	8/01	Oz et al.			
	D	6,387,041	5/02	Harai et al.			
	E	6,425,900	7/02	Knodel et al.			
	F	6,569,085	5/03	Kortenbach et al.			
	G	6,560,488	5/03	Crawford			
	H	6,578,759	6/03	Ortiz			
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	D	7,070,602	7/06	Smith et al.		
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	B	4,844,066	7/89	Stein		
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	D	5,207,692	5/93	Kraus et al.		
	E	5,318,528	6/94	Heaven et al.		
	F	5,439,156	8/95	Grant et al.		
	G	5,501,693	3/96	Gravener		
	H	5,624,379	4/97	Ganz et al.		
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